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**AUBURN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that Robert Shuken, 67, of Auburn, pleaded guilty to one count of possessing child pornography. Shuken entered his plea in Sacramento before United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr.

The case was investigated by the San Francisco International Airport office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Camil A. Skipper, who is prosecuting the case, the defendant admitted that he possessed approximately 400 computer files depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct which he had downloaded from the Internet using a computer at his home. The defendant also admitted to possessing an additional 200 such computer files on his laptop computer which was seized during a routine customs search at the San Francisco International Airport.

The defendant faces up to ten years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. As part of his plea, the defendant agreed to forfeit his laptop and desktop computers to the government.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Burrell on October 1, 2004, at 9:00 A.M.

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